

### **RESTRICTED/LIMITED RESIDENTIAL LICENSE (BC-A/r)**

*Currently, TCA 62-6-112(e) allows the Board to grant a special classification of BC-A/r in lieu of taking the BC-A residential exam. To obtain a contractor's license with a limited residential license (BC-A/r) classification, all steps to the application process are required, except for the exam. In lieu of the exam, a Limited Residential Restricted (BC-A/r) course may be taken and these are offered by many state community colleges or vocational schools. Please realize, a BC-A/r contractor **MUST** comply with all other application requirements, as this course waives the examinations, only. The monetary limit on a project or contract cannot exceed **\$70,000**, which includes contractor's cost of land and profit, and their financial statement would need to support this amount. A restricted BC-A/r contractor **CANNOT** enter into joint ventures or perform commercial projects. To increase the monetary limit, the contractor must take the exams (Business and Law and the trade exams), and submit the required financial statement (reviewed by licensed CPA) with the revision form in order to remove the restriction and increase the limit. The BC-A/r license allows constructing residential dwellings for **less than \$70,000**, however, the actual designated monetary limit is placed on the license.*

*If you are interested in obtaining a residential/restricted limited contractor's license to perform work no larger than \$70,000, you may check with your local Tennessee community college to see if they offer the "Limited License" for restricted residential building. Their course certificate may be used to obtain a contractors license, in lieu of the exams required. You must follow all other contractor application requirements and local municipalities permit guidelines. Forms (application for new contractor's license, renewal forms, revision forms, etc..) may be downloaded from the Contractor's Board website at the following link: <http://tn.gov/commerce/boards/contractors/forms.shtml>*

You may check with community colleges and technical Institutes in your area to see if they currently offer a "Limited Licensed" restricted residential course.

**Information for all State Schools at: <http://www.tbr.state.tn.us/schools/>**

Chattanooga State Technical Community College  
(423)697-3102

Cleveland State Community College  
(423) 472-7141

Columbia State Community College  
(931) 540-2722

Dyersburg State Community College  
(731) 286-3200

Motlow State Community College - Tullahoma  
(931) 393-1500 or 1-800-654-4877

Nashville State Technical Institute  
(800) 272-7363

Northeast State Technical Community College - Blountville  
(423) 323 -3191 or 1-800-836-7822

Roane State Community College - Harriman  
(865) 354-3000 or 1-800-343-9104

Southwest Tennessee Community College - Memphis  
(901) 333-5000

Pellissippi State Technical Community College - Knoxville  
(865) 694-6400

Volunteer State Community College - Nashville  
(615) 452-8600

Walters State Community College - Morristown  
(800) 225-4770 or (423) 585-2600

*\*Note - All these schools may not offer the limited licensed course. Check with your local community college to confirm they offer the "Limited License" training course for restricted residential building, which may be used in lieu of the exams, ONLY, for building small residential dwellings or tract homes, less than \$70,000 - total contract; Contractors must still complete all other application requirements and may submit their certificate instead of exam scores.*

For more information on obtaining a contractors license, please go to the main website at: <http://tn.gov/commerce/boards/contractors/>

### **License Revisions**

In order to obtain any type of license revision, even to add non-tested trade classifications (see outline of "Contractor Classifications" on the website), such as building subcategories for commercial to perform roofing (BC-21); painting (BC-11); etc., you must take the Tennessee "Business and Law" exam with PSI. See the revision section of the "Forms and Downloads" on the website for more information, outline and registration. The exam is open book and based upon the publication from NASCLA, "Contractor's Guide to Business Law and Project Management". See the exam section on our website for more information.

### **Laws, Rules and Regulations**

It is important to review the laws and rules pertaining to contracting. You may check the website for updates at: <http://tn.gov/commerce/boards/contractors/>

## Rules in Process

*The \*proposed rules are that after holding the BC-A/r license for a total of four (4) years, the contractor would not be allowed to renew (limited to one renewal without exams) and would need to take the BC-A residential building license exam. A current reviewed financial statement, prepared by a licensed CPA, would also be required in order to obtain a monetary limit increase.*

*It is further \*proposed to offer consideration to waive the BC-A trade exam if the BC-A/r contractor meets the following criteria:*

*\*(Proposed-Not Effective Until Rulemaking)*

- 1. Maintains a clean record (no complaints or violations of the law);*
- 2. Provides proof of experience with a minimum of four (4) "ground up" projects; and*
- 3. Provides a reference from a codes office.*

**\*Note: As soon as these proposed rules are drafted and approved through the rulemaking process, we will publish and notify all the BC-A/r licensees. Until then, you may continue to operate and not limited to renewing the license once.**